



## Michigan's AmeriCorps Week Project/Event Descriptions

### March 9-17, 2013

LOCATION	DATE(S)	TIME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	POINT OF CONTACT
Southeast MI (Jackson)	March 5	6:00- 7:00pm	<p><b><u>AmeriCorps Reception</u></b>            This event will share the collective impact AmeriCorps has on the community at large! Community members, supporters, AmeriCorps members and alums, and Site Supervisors are invited to share and learn about the AmeriCorps experience! The event will also provide an opportunity for AmeriCorps members to connect with an expanded local network. The event will take place at the United Way Center, 536 N. Jackson, Jackson, MI 49201</p> <p><i>*Please RSVP to Melissa Laird at <a href="mailto:mlaird@bbbsjackson.org">mlaird@bbbsjackson.org</a>.</i></p>	Melissa Laird, Mentor MI College Coaching Corps AmeriCorps Member, Big Brothers Big Sisters (517) 784-7181 <a href="mailto:mlaird@bbbsjackson.org">mlaird@bbbsjackson.org</a>
West MI (Grand Rapids)	March 6-15	9:00am- 12:00pm Daily	<p><b><u>Reach Out and Read Book Drive</u></b>            The Cherry Street Community Health Corps program is coordinating a book drive that will provide their Reach Out and Read program with needed used books to distribute to children. These books will also be used for the pediatric waiting rooms at Cherry Street Health Services.</p> <p><i>*New or gently used books can be dropped off between 9:00am and 12:00pm to the Westside Health Center at 669 Stocking Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.</i></p>	Kayla Morris-Doyle, HealthCorps Manager Cherry Street Health Services (616) 776-2270 <a href="mailto:kaylamorris-doyle@cherryhealth.com">kaylamorris-doyle@cherryhealth.com</a>
Statewide	March 9-17	Ongoing	<p><b><u>AmeriCorps Week Live Tweet</u></b>            To promote what AmeriCorps members really do for their host sites and communities, a live blog/tweet event will be held on March 9. Current members will tweet everything they do during a typical day of service – from the simple tasks, like entering your service hours on a timesheet, to the outstanding, like meeting with community leaders or hosting an event.</p> <p><i>*If you're interested in volunteering to tweet/blog during your service day, please contact Robin McClain at <a href="mailto:mcclainrobinm@jccmi.edu">mcclainrobinm@jccmi.edu</a>!</i></p>	Robin McClain, MI Nonprofit Association AmeriCorps*VISTA Member Jackson Community College (517) 990-1376 <a href="mailto:mcclainrobinm@jccmi.edu">mcclainrobinm@jccmi.edu</a>
Upper Peninsula (Gwinn & Marquette)	March 11	8:30- 11:00am	<p><b><u>State Representative Site Visit – MARESA AmeriCorps</u></b>            State Representative, John Kivela, will be visiting two MARESA service sites (Gilbert Elementary and Superior Hills Elementary) to learn about AmeriCorps and the MARESA Get Ready, Get Reading program. He will also be reading a book to the school as part of National Reading Month.</p>	Chad Rowley, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator MARESA AmeriCorps (906) 226-5178 <a href="mailto:crowley@maresa.org">crowley@maresa.org</a>

West MI (Holland)	March 11-12	Various	<b><u>AmeriCorps Outreach Presentations</u></b> The Faith In Youth AmeriCorps program is conducting multiple outreach presentations at program service sites, Hope College, and other locations to promote AmeriCorps, present it as a post-graduation opportunity, and talk about the value and impact of service.	Michael Dirksen, Faith In Youth AmeriCorps Member Neighbors Plus (616) 283-9744 <a href="mailto:Michael.c.dirksen@gmail.com">Michael.c.dirksen@gmail.com</a>
Central MI (Saginaw County)	March 12-13	March 12: 10:30am- 12:30pm March 13: 12:30- 2:30pm	<b><u>AmeriCorps Exhibit Display – Delta College</u></b> AmeriCorps members will host an exhibit display to promote AmeriCorps and other national service programs. The goal is to raise awareness and educate Delta College students and staff about AmeriCorps and the benefits of service. Delta College is located at 1961 Delta Rd., University Center, MI 48710.	Joshua Hales, AmeriCorps Program Director United Way of Saginaw County (989) 776-0555 <a href="mailto:jhales@unitedwaysaginaw.org">jhales@unitedwaysaginaw.org</a>
Central MI (Alma)	March 12	4:00- 6:00pm	<b><u>AmeriCorps Fair – Alma College</u></b> Come find out about AmeriCorps opportunities in Michigan! Explore national service programs and available positions and hear stories from current members about their programs goals, responsibilities, and the community issues they address. The event will take place at: Alma College, 614 W. Superior Street, Alma, MI 48801.  <i>*If you are an AC member/program interested in having a table to display your information, email Lindsay Weber at <a href="mailto:weberlm@alma.edu">weberlm@alma.edu</a></i>	Lindsay Weber, Mentor MI College Coaching Corps AmeriCorps Member, Alma College, Service Learning (989) 463-7971 <a href="mailto:weberlm@alma.edu">weberlm@alma.edu</a>
Northern MI	March 13	8:00- 8:15am	<b><u>Radio Broadcast</u></b> Three Michigan's AmeriCorps members will go on air on Eagle 101.5 FM to educate listeners about AmeriCorps and to encourage them to explore opportunities to get involved with national service.	Justin Burchett, Huron Pines AmeriCorps Member Otsego Conservation District <a href="mailto:jburchett@otsegocountymi.gov">jburchett@otsegocountymi.gov</a>
Statewide	March 13	12:00pm	<b><u>Michigan's AmeriCorps Week Twitter Chat</u></b> The second annual Michigan's AmeriCorps Week Twitter Chat will take place on Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00pm. The Twitter Chat provides an opportunity for AmeriCorps members and alums to come together online to talk about their AmeriCorps experience. We hope you'll join @miamericorps for this exciting event! For more information about the Twitter Chat, including key questions to consider & how to get involved, go to: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/actwitterchat13">http://tinyurl.com/actwitterchat13</a>	Jamie Wilson, MCSC Communications Specialist <a href="mailto:Wilsonj23@michigan.gov">Wilsonj23@michigan.gov</a>
Southeast MI (Detroit)	March 13	Afternoon	<b><u>SE Michigan AmeriCorps Meet-Up</u></b> Join your fellow AmeriCorps and VISTA members for an informal get together in SE Michigan! The event will take place at 28 W. Adams St., Suite 1500, Detroit, MI 48226.	James Fuller, MI Nonprofit Assoc. Civic Engagement VISTA (248) 204-4119 <a href="mailto:jfuller1@tu.edu">jfuller1@tu.edu</a>

Southwest MI (Berrien Springs)	March 13-14	Various	<b><u>AmeriCorps Outreach Presentation – Andrews University</u></b> AmeriCorps members from the Together We Prepare AmeriCorps program (hosted by the American Red Cross) will be doing a series of presentations for college students to educate them about AmeriCorps and national service.  <i>*To RSVP, email Kirsten Johnson at <a href="mailto:john3408@msu.edu">john3408@msu.edu</a>.</i>	Douglas Ferrall, Together We Prepare AmeriCorps Member American Red Cross (269) 556-9619 <a href="mailto:douglas.ferrall@redcross.org">douglas.ferrall@redcross.org</a>
Central MI (Lansing)	March 14	12:00-4:00pm	<b><u>AmeriCorps Week Luncheon / Service Project</u></b> The Power of We Consortium & Mentor MI College Coaching Corps AmeriCorps programs are hosting a collaborative AmeriCorps Week event on March 14. The event will include lunch and a one-hour kick-off event featuring a speaker, member spotlights, and special guests. The kick-off will be followed by a service project at Fenner Nature Center located at 2020 E Mount Hope Ave., Lansing, MI 48910.  <i>*To RSVP, email Kirsten Johnson at <a href="mailto:john3408@msu.edu">john3408@msu.edu</a>.</i>	Anji Reynolds, Power of We AmeriCorps Member / Gardening Educator Allen Neighborhood Center (517) 999-3910 <a href="mailto:anjir@allenneighborhoodcenter.org">anjir@allenneighborhoodcenter.org</a>
West MI (Grand Rapids)	March 14	5:00-7:00pm	<b><u>AmeriCorps Week Swag Swap</u></b> Scourer your office, your cubicle, or where ever you might find flare from your nonprofit or AmeriCorps program. It can be anything from a t-shirt to magnets! Join us on March 14 to connect, share, and swap with other members and alums from around the area. The event will take place at Birch Lodge, 732 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids, 49503  <i>*For more information, visit the WMAC Facebook page at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/341145202673782/">https://www.facebook.com/events/341145202673782/</a></i>	Benjamin Oliver, Schools of Hope AmeriCorps Member Literacy Center of West MI United Way (616) 570-2012 <a href="mailto:boliver@literacycenterwm.org">boliver@literacycenterwm.org</a>
Upper Peninsula (Munising)	March 15	1:00pm	<b><u>Community Service Play</u></b> Two MARESA AmeriCorps members coordinated a school-wide play that focuses on community service. All 12 members from MARESA will be attending the play and participating in this event, which will take place at 810 W. State, Highway M-28, Munising, MI.	Chad Rowley, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator MARESA AmeriCorps (906) 226-5178 <a href="mailto:crowley@maresa.org">crowley@maresa.org</a>
Southeast MI (Detroit)	March 15-16	9:00am-4:00pm	<b><u>Virginia Park Spring Cleaning Project</u></b> The AmeriCorps Urban Safety Project is hosting the Virginia Park Spring Cleaning Project. AmeriCorps members, alums, & community volunteers will board up 12 dangerous and vacant properties in the Virginia Park neighborhood. A neighborhood clean-up effort will also take place. The goal is to make the area safer for students and residents walking and biking in the area. The specific project location is: Virginia Park, 2207 Gladstone St., Detroit, MI 48206.  <i>*Participants should register at: <a href="http://www.ACweekVaPark.splashthat.com">www.ACweekVaPark.splashthat.com</a></i>	Jonathan Colo, AmeriCorps Urban Safety Project Member (586) 216-3018 <a href="mailto:j.etzio.colo@gmail.com">j.etzio.colo@gmail.com</a>

West MI (Hudsonville)	March 17	10:15am- 12:30pm	<b><u>"Getting Things Done" Information Station</u></b> The Together We Prepare AmeriCorps program (administered by the American Red Cross) is hosting an information station in the narthex of Jenison Christian Church after both the first and second services on March 17. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about AmeriCorps, speak with members, and find out how to get involved and support the program. Visitors are welcome! Jenison Christian Church is located at 7003 28th Ave., Hudsonville, MI 49426.	Sarah Day, Together We Prepare AmeriCorps Member American Red Cross of Ottawa County (616) 396-6545 x20 <a href="mailto:sarah.day@redcross.org">sarah.day@redcross.org</a>
West MI (Grand Rapids)	March 22	6:30- 10:00pm	<b><u>Movin' On In</u></b> This event will promote efforts to end homelessness and raise awareness of local challenges in obtaining housing. It provides participants with a hands-on opportunity to broaden their understanding of homelessness and housing through a housing simulation, speakers, and a service project. The event will take place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 250 Commerce Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.  <i>*To register, go to: <a href="http://movinonin-estw.eventbrite.com/#">http://movinonin-estw.eventbrite.com/#</a>.</i>	Michelle Adams, MI Campaign to End Homelessness AmeriCorps Member / Volunteer Coordinator MI Coalition Against Homelessness (517) 853-3887 <a href="mailto:phc@mihomeless.org">phc@mihomeless.org</a>



**During the 2013 AmeriCorps Week, the national AmeriCorps Alums organization will be conducting two webinars:**

- Life After AmeriCorps – Wednesday, March 13 at 1:00-2:00pm EST**  
*This webinar is designed for current AmeriCorps members and will include an introduction to the AmeriCorps Alums network, valuable information about how members can stay connected through their local chapters, and outline resources and member benefits available through the AmeriCorps Alums community. To register, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/laa-webinar2013>*
- Translating AmeriCorps Onto Your Resume – Thursday, March 14 at 12:00-1:00pm EST**  
*This webinar, open to current AmeriCorps members and alums, is focused on how to highlight your AmeriCorps experience on a resume. Find out how to tap into current resume trends to articulate a clear, concise message, highlight results, and demonstrate exactly why you are THE perfect candidate for a position! The workshop will be delivered through the AmeriCorps lens. To register, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/acalum-webinar-march13>*